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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF NEW SECRETARY GENERAL FOR NARCOTICS
CONTROL BOARD

1. SENIOR THAI NARCOTICS OFFICIAL, POLICE MAJOR GENERAL CHAWALIT YOTMANI, A MEMBER OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, HAS INFORMED A SENIOR DEA OFFICIAL THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS SELECTED POLICE MAJOR GENERAL PHAO SARASIN TO FILL THE NOW VACANT POST OF SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, AND THAT THIS APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CABINET. PHAO'S SELECTION HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, AND IS CLOSELY HELD INFORMATION WITHIN THE RTG.
 2. PHAO, WHO IS PRESENTLY HEAD OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION COMMITTEE, WOULD FILL THE POSITION JUDGE PRAMUK SAWATDIMONGKON VACATED AT THE END OF JANUARY TO RETURN TO THE JUDICIARY. PRAMUK'S DEPUTY, LIKHIT THOETSATHIRASAK, HAS BEE ACTING AS SEIRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE BOARD, WHICH REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND SERVES AS THE COORDINATING BODY FOR THE RTG'S NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT.
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